

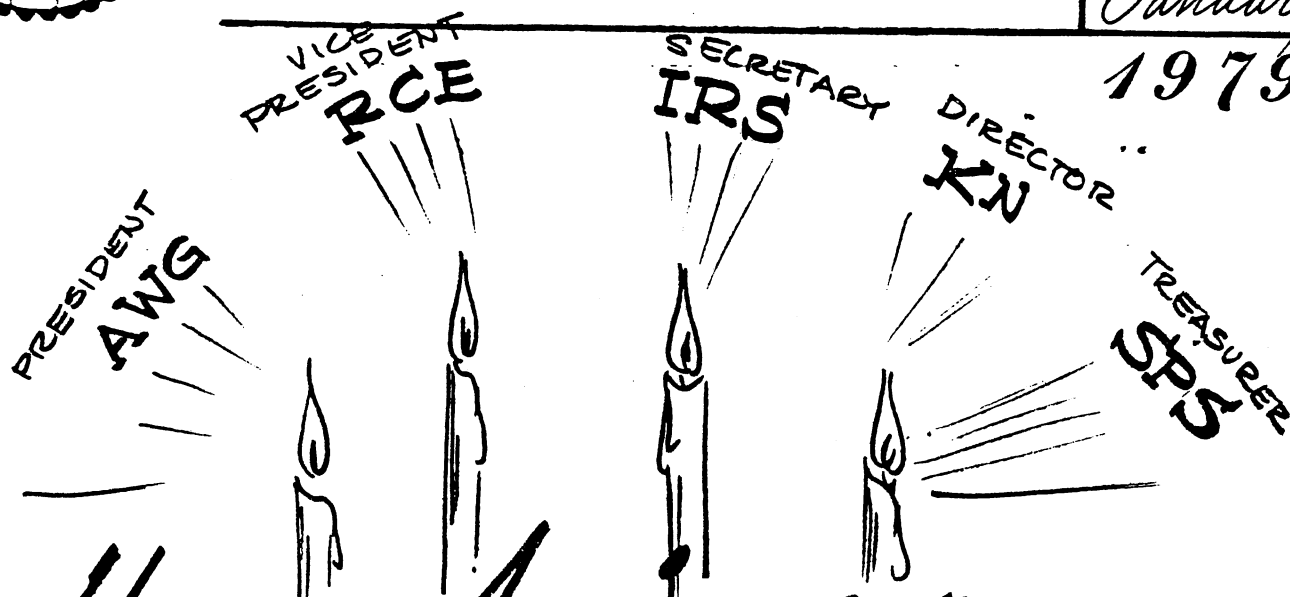
Philmont's 30TH Anniversary



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Happy Anniversary AND A
GREAT NEW YEAR!



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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1030 hrs;
80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

It is a natural tendency to start the new year with an editorial full of hope and promises, and Ye Olde Ed has done just that many times in the past. This year I feel that it is more pertinent to look back at the hope and promises in the hearts of six hams who met one night in 1949 and founded Philmont.

There was no way that they could foresee the tremendous strides that both ham radio and Philmont would take in the ensuing years. From ARC-5 conversions to synthesizers; from accidental FM-ing to solid, dependable FM communication; from 60 WPM teletype to pulse communication, the "state of the art" has moved so swiftly that the current generation of ham often doesn't know what the old-timers are talking about (and vice-versa!).

Philmont has not only kept pace with the technical explosion, it has grown and strengthened its appeal but it has done so without losing the camaraderie that is so much a part of that appeal. We've hung on through the sun-spot decline, 75-meter mobile, Incentive Licensing, and CB and, as they say, "We've come a long way, Baby!"

Happy 30th Birthday, Philmont!

de K3KUD

Sam's CORNER

BEST WISHES AND SUCCESS
TO PHILMONT'S NEW TEAM



JIM
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PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Jan. 8 Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM

Jan. 24 Midmonth Meeting at W3IRS, 8:00 PM

Jan. 29 BLURB folding at W3QQH, 7:15 PM

MEETING REPORT

The smoke of battle has cleared; the last echoes of silver-tongued oratory are but a memory; The Election is over!

In what was probably the largest voting turnout in the club's history, with 95 ballots cast, the 30th Anniversary Year officers were elected on Monday, December 4. When the tumult and shouting died, Jim Rodgers, W3AWG, was our President; Ed Faye, W3RCE, Vice-President; "Frenchy" Andrews, W3IRS, Secretary; Murray Bevitz, K3SPS, Treasurer; and George Weed, W3KN, Director.

We congratulate our new officers and we thank all the candidates for the electioneering fun that has become such an integral part of Philmont elections. The club couldn't lose no matter how the voting went, and that is the key to our continued success.

In addition to large turnout of members, 17 visitors joined us for the evening's activities which were capped by refreshments as always, but with the added touch of some homemade goodies provided by Elaine Spencer.

Our 30th Anniversary Banquet is tentatively set for November 3, 1979 at the Valley Forge Sheraton. More information on menu and cost will be forthcoming as the Banquet Committee proceeds with the planning.

Hal Fox, W3AA, is vacationing in Puerto Rico during the months of January and February and will be operating from that location. Hal will be listening on 21,380 KHz and 28,700 KHz every day on the even numbered hours, Philadelphia time. He invites anyone interested to give him a call.

Members are requested to renew ARRL memberships through the club Treasurer. By doing this the club will be able to add some additional income to the treasury. Plans are presently underway for the establishment of a "tickler" system to remind members of their renewal date.

Although we tried to be easy on our new Prez this month by not screaming for a "PrezSez", Jim did send a short message in which he appointed the following Audit and Budget Committee:

W3KN
W3AWH
W3QQH
W3DSG
K3GNM
K3SPS

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Name: Frank Giordano, WB3GST ✓ Handle: Frank
Address: 100 Schievert Ave
Aston, PA 19014
XYL: Sarina (no call)
Employed: Self-employed
Occpn: Hair-stylist
Phone: (H) 497-1946 (B) 494-2860
Sponsors: K3HBB; WB2LGY

Name: Roy P. Kenworthy, W3HNP ✓ Handle: Roy
Address: 153 Osborn St.
Phila., PA 19128
XYL: Ruth (no call)
Employer: American Electronic Labs
Occpn: R&D Electronic Technician
Phone: (H) 482-6716 (B) 822-2929, Ext. 280
Sponsors: K3SPS; WB3HEU

Name: Don Gordon, WB3KOJ ✓ Handle: Don
Address: 641 Kismet Rd.
Phila., PA 19115
XYL: Natalie, WB3KOH
Employer: Baum Printing House
Occpn: Sales Representative
Phone: (H) 698-9760 (B) 671-9500
Sponsors: WB3CMM; N3ADI

Name: Martin F. Mack, K3SWD ✓ Handle: Marty
Address: 320 Austin Drive
Clifton Hts, PA 19018
XYL: Regina (no call)
Employer: Security Insurance Co.
Occpn: Insurance Adjuster
Phone: (H) MA-3-1993 (B) 722-6100
Sponsors: K3HBB; WB2LGY

Action on the above applications will be taken at the January Midmonth Meeting.

Paul Bohlander, W3VVS, reports that he recently had a letter from Charlie Greenwood, WIHFF (ex-W3GOW). Charlie Gow as he was known during his active days in Philmont, reports that he is doing well and keeping busy in the retirement mode.

The following is excerpted from ARRL Director's Letter #1723, dated 11/30/78 and was sent to us by Jim Spencer, W3QQH:

"While we could fill many pages with the story of Jonestown as it unfolded on the amateur bands, Minute 54 prompts us to be rather concise in summarising the affair. When Jonestown began passing traffic with the People's Temple in San Francisco in the summer of 1977, it immediately became clear that Amateur Radio was being used as their sole means of communication. Some of our members wrote to us and International Officer Johnson wrote to Al Touchette, WB6MID/8R3. The three-page reply was a flowery brief which boldly proclaimed that the work at Jonestown was so important and so humanitarian that we shouldn't bother ourselves worrying about a handful of detractors who were part of a conspiracy against the People's Temple.

After Johnson had monitored the communications himself, he discussed the apparent violation of Article 41 and Part 97 of the Rules and Regulations with FCC personnel. He was assured that the Commission was aware of everything and was handling things. (One heavy fine and many violation notices were mailed to various U.S. licensed offenders.)

With each passing month of 1978, the communications became more and more encrypted, until 80% or more of the transmissions to and from Jonestown were heavily encrypted - from the traffic itself to frequencies and schedules. U.S. amateurs who spoke with WB6MID/8R3 received elaborate QSL cards laced with propaganda on the Temple's work.

A few weeks ago, Johnson received about 100 letters from the People's Temple members in the San Francisco area admonishing him and the ARRL to cease and desist; that the use of Amateur Radio by the Temple was essential to their operations, and that its use was justified by this fact. Johnson answered only a few of the letters, explaining clearly why they were in error. Two of the letters to Johnson, by the way, contained threats to the effect that if he didn't stop objecting to the operation, he could be stopped. These letters are now in the hands of the FBI.

The FCC case officer for this matter is Gerald Zuckerman. Mr. Zuckerman has indicated that he is sympathetic to the Amateur Service, and is doing his best to convince the press that the Amateur Service cannot be held responsible for the actions of a few misguided people. The FCC has also indicated that it has issued citations to stations involved in the Temple's work, ranging from obvious third party traffic violations to out-of-band operation.

Approximately 70 phone calls from the media have been received since the tragic date of 18 November. Johnson has been handling these inquiries directly and honestly - making it abundantly clear that the ARRL has since the very beginnings of Jonestown been firmly on record as opposing the illegal use of Amateur Radio for their communications."

Some philosophical thoughts for the New Year.

There is no sense in advertising your troubles - no one will buy them.....Profane language is a strong way of expressing a weak mind.....even a live wire has to have some connections.....Television has opened many doors - mostly refrigerator doors!

Denver RC "Swoop" via ARNS Bulletin

Join the Murray Bevitze Fan Club - REMIT YOUR DUES PROMPTLY!

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>January 1979</u>	<u>75-Meters</u>	<u>10-Meters</u>	<u>2-Meters</u>
7	W3PWG	W3HQJ	W3WXC
14	W3AWH	W3GIF	W3AWG
21	W3SGR	W3VVS	W3PST
28	KB2BA	W3KDO	W3ZPP
<u>February 1979</u>			
4	W3PWG	W3HQJ	W3IGW
11	W3AWH	W3GIF	WB3CMM
18	W3SGR	W3VVS	W3SRU
25	KB2BA	W3KDO	WB2LGY
<u>March 1979</u>			
4	W3PWG	W3HQJ	W3WXC
11	W3AWH	W3GIF	W3AWG
18	W3SGR	W3VVS	W3PST
25	KB2BA	W3KDO	W3ZPP

In addition to the above an 80-meter CW net is on the air every Sunday from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Net Control is W3BIP/N3WW and the frequency is 3610 KHz. Net Control will answer at the caller's speed.

Net times are as follows:

75-meters - 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

10-meters - SSB only starting at 10:00 AM. Random check-in. A standby is made at 10:15 AM for AM stations.

2-meters - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. Announcements at 9:30; 9:50; and 10:15. HR Report at 9:55.

We would like to point out to both members of Philmont and to frequent visitors to our repeater that long QSO's, roundtables, and schedules are not encpuraged on 63/03. Since we are a mobile club and since the repeater is monitored 24 hours a day to provide assistance to mobiles, such operation becomes very annoying and may cause the shut-down of the monitors.

We suggest that "chatters" intent on longwinded discussions meet on 63/03 and then move to a simplex frequency. Be considerate, leave the repeater open for short QSO's and traffic handling!

SWAP AND SHOP

For sale: Kreco 10-meter ground plane antenna. Used but in
good condition.

\$20.00

contact Charlie Stouth, W3ZPP

Another advantage of Ham Radio over CB is that hams do it with higher frequency.

In an attempt to further confuse the troops and muddy the atmosphere Jim Spencer, W3QQH,
has sent us a series of little gems which we will publish from time to time. Some
examples follow:

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BOARD

(2)

SAND

(3)

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H

(4)

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ROAD
A
D

(5)

CYCLE

CYCLE

CYCLE

(6)

Answers:

(1) I understand (2) Man overboard (3) Sandpaper (4) Touchdown (5) Crossroads (6) Tricycle

Ain't That Awful!

The material on the following page was provided by Our Intrepid Artist from his vast
store of basically useless information acquired while researching data for BLURB covers.

A widely held misconception is that **Welsh rabbit** is just a vulgar form of **Welsh rarebit**. Actually, the opposite is true. **Welsh rarebit** is merely a mannered and affected corruption of a phrase that dates back to Shakespeare's time. The great philologist H. W. Fowler set the matter straight in his usual brusque and trenchant manner: "**Welsh rabbit**," he writes, "is amusing and right; **Welsh rarebit**, stupid and wrong."

One of the chief ingredients in the success of an ad campaign is a catchy **slogan**. Down through the years - from "Ask the man who owns one" to "Does she or doesn't she?" - many a product has been lifted into the best-seller category by insistent repetition of a slogan. Amusingly enough, the slogans with which today's advertising geniuses do battle for a share of the consumer pocketbook are the direct descendants of the war cries with which Irish chieftains did battle. The word **slogan** comes from the Gaelic words **slaugh** (army) and **gairm** (a shout) - the two being blended as a **slaugh-gairm**, meaning "battle cry," from which the present spelling was evolved.

A bunch of animals

The English language is replete with collective nouns to designate groups of animals. You're probably familiar with a **pride** of lions and a **gaggle** of geese, but did you know such other colorful ones as: a **cete** of badgers; a **muster** of peacocks; an **exaltation** of larks; a **mute** of hounds; a **nye** of pheasants; a **skeln** of ducks; and a **skulk** of foxes?

The word "**bamboo**" has contributed two colloquialisms to the English language. First, we owe to it the word "**joint**," meaning a disreputable gathering place, a dive. This is because the pipes used in opium dens were crafted of bamboo and had many "**joints**." (Marijuana cigarettes are also known as joints because of their association with opium dens.) Second, there is the word "**bamboozle**," which means to fool or cheat. This traces back to the Chinese custom of punishing swindlers by whacking them on the hands and back with bamboo poles. Any smart aleck so treated was a "**bamboozler**" - that is, one worthy of being beaten with bamboo.

In 1642, Rembrandt painted "The Shooting Company of Captain Frans Banning Cocq" in which 29 life-sized civic guards are shown leaving their armory at high noon, with the sun shining brightly upon them. Less than 200 years later, the picture had become so dingy and dark that someone facetiously called it "The Night Watch," a nickname that has long since supplanted its true title. Bet you didn't know that!

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